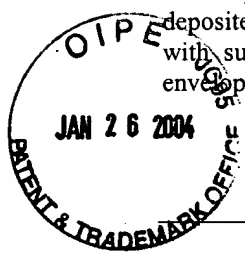


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Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.



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